

## Cottonwood Ladies Golf Association Board Meeting



**Date:** February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Location:** Phoenix Room

**Elected Officers Present:** Deb Bohac, Sue Kish, Deb Walsh

**Appointed Board Members Present:** Tara Bradford, Joanne Rumpler, Nancy Mastalski, Mo England, Cindy Edwards

**Guests Present:** Barb Amedro

The vice president, Deb Bohac, called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

### Old Business

**Approval of minute:** Tara Bradford moved to approve the January Board Meeting Minutes posted on the website. Sue Kish seconded and the motion passed.

**Changes in Bank Account:** no update.

**Financial follow up discussion from general meeting:** Sue shared the budget. Follow up discussion from general meeting and concern expressed by a few members that there was so much money in our balance. Sue Kish explained that if all expenses match what is budgeted, that we will end the fiscal year with a \$7806.68 balance which is a gain of \$344.30 from the beginning bank balance of \$7462.38 on July 1, 2025. Discussed whether to pay the balance forward or if we should have the money go back to members through financially supporting portion of patio parties and luncheons. Mentioned potentially checking on what Lady 9ers and men have for their reserve requirement. Most important to be transparent with members since a higher reserve is more than what long-term members are used to. Sue Kish indicated that our budget report is the most transparent form of communication regarding financials as it has every dollar received and spent on this report.

Deb Bohac brought up that there were members at the last luncheon who had not signed up or paid. Deb said she was sure it was not intentional, so she planned to follow up with those members. This led to a discussion that we should send out who is registered and has paid 2 days prior to the deadline, to give members an opportunity to check and see if they have registered and paid.

### New Business

**Member- Guest Tournament:** Barb Amedro indicated that what she was presenting to the board was what she had presented at the January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 General Meeting. Barb shared that the member-guest will be held on March 25 and 26, 2026 and that the theme is Putts, Pearls and Polka Dots. March 25<sup>th</sup> will be the practice rounds for golf followed by a cocktail party from 4-6 pm. During the cocktail party, starting around 4:30, there will be a horse race. The committee is writing up instructions for the horse race that will go out with the registration information. The horse race will go about 6 holes and members and their guests can sign up during registration to participate. The horse race is meant to be a fun/rowdy event where those not participating bring their drinks and 'road trip' following the golfers (horse racers) to each hole chanting and cheering teams on. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a four-person step aside scramble. Cost is \$90 for golf, cocktail party, lunch, prizes, and gifts (Barb passed around a sample of a logo golf towel that each participant will receive). For an additional \$10, each two-person (member-guest) team can buy a Polka Dot Perk Package which includes one mulligan and one – 1 putt per person to be used during the scramble. Barb shared that 17 CLGA members have been involved on the member-guest tournament committee and she expressed appreciation for everything each committee member did to contribute. Registration will go out this week once the horse race instruction document and registration form are ready. Deb Bohac asked if both low gross and net would be paid out as the board has attempted to make this a priority this season. Barb Amedro said that the committee decided to pay low net scores this year. She will put in the notes for next year to consider adding payouts for low gross.

**Standing Rules Change:** Barb Amedro asked the Board to consider changing the current standing rule to allow guests to participate in the member-guest who do not have a USGA or World Handicap to allow our Cottonwood Golf Professional to create an appropriate handicap. After discussion, Deb Bohac made a motion to change the current standing rule under special events to add members must be amateurs and to allow for the Head Pro to calculate a handicap for guests, reading 'Guests who do not have an established USGA or World Handicap System approved handicap to participate in any special event of the Association, will have an appropriate handicap determined by the Head Pro of Cottonwood Country Club. Deb Walsh seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the change. These items are found in the first paragraph under General and Dues (page 1) and Special Events (page 4).

**Rules Question of the Week:** Deb Walsh received an email from Sandy Eeds asking why the CLGA Board had discontinued the rule of the week on the website. Deb indicated that she asked Mo to continue the conversation with Sandy and that she would bring the request to the Board. Discussion regarding the value of posting specific rules when we have apps and resources that members can go to for self-service based on needs. Also, we discussed our desire to keep our CLGA home page clutter free. Decided we need to educate our members and encourage them to download the USGA Rules of Golf mobile app that will be accessible to them on the golf course should they have questions. Also reference members to the Rules of Golf tab on our CLGA website for additional learning through documents and videos. Local rules can be found on our website. Mo mentioned that she could organize a rules session for our new members. If Mo decides to do this, we discussed opening the session up to our membership. Nancy Mastalski will check with AGA regarding what they offer for in-person rules clinics as it was mentioned that the men's league sponsored a rules session last season put on by AGA and open to CLGA members.

**Birdie Blast Communications:** Deb Walsh reported that once Tara Bradford and Deb have the Birdie Blast complete each week, the added step of getting Mikki Rydell's review and approval prior to sending out is working well.

Deb Walsh shared that she has been approached by members asking if in addition to the weekly winners being posted in the Birdie Blast if the complete list of how each participant placed each week could be posted to the website as was done previously. Members who play desire to see how they finished each week even if they did not place or earn chits. There was also a desire to be able to go back and check results from previous weeks. Request was to have all results from each week's games posted to the website. After discussion, it was decided that members are able to access all this information through Golf Genius. We will start posting the sign in code and educate our members by providing the steps as to how to access the information desired since it is all on Golf Genius. We will also ask Travis if he will print and post the weekly results on our bulletin board in the back room of the Pro Shop.

**Website Password:** Deb Walsh reminded the Board that our general meeting we shared with membership present that we would be changing our CLGA Member Directory password. The new password was agreed upon and the change will be communicated in the upcoming Birdie Blast.

**Emails:** Deb Walsh wanted the Board's input on what email communication requests from members should/should not be sent to all members from our CLGA account since we have requests from members that do not relate specifically to golf. A recent request was to send out information from the HOA regarding meetings being held to increase HOA dues. After discussion, it was decided that email requests should be sent if it is important to the golf community. In the case of the HOA meetings, the request would impact the ability for the HOA to be able to maintain needs of the golf courses, so that was felt to be an example of a communication that would be approved. In cases where it is not golf related or important to all members, we will encourage members who desire to communicate a personal cause to use email addresses in the member directory to get the message out to those they want to reach.

## **Board Committee Reports:**

**Vice President (Patio Party; Voting Inquiry):** For the patio party on February 12<sup>th</sup> after the Member-Member Tournament Mo and Kathy will be getting the pizzas set up. Marky will have the pizza delivered from ToScany's Restaurant. Deb Bohac will pick up the dessert.

Deb Bohac received an email from Zara Logan in reference to the Bylaws in regard to identification for voting. Her concern was that if members have to show their email address, wouldn't that mean that the Board will know how everyone voted. Zara suggested the old fashion paper and pen vote in a ballot box as a solution having members sign in before voting eliminating duplicates, but still protecting their privacy. The Board discussed and agreed that what is vital is that we confirm there are no duplications of voting for online voting. Using the computer IP address to determine duplicates, as was previously used, doesn't limit someone from going to the local library or another computer to cast a second or multiple votes. The Board decided to keep the CLGA Bylaws language as voted upon, but we will have 2 people on the board review any online voting to ensure there are no duplicates as well as dutifully count and report accurate results without disclosing individual voting preferences. Deb Bohac to report back to Zara Logan regarding this decision.

**Membership:** Tara Bradford reported that we have a new member, Jan Roberts. Tara indicated that Jan is no longer a Pro and does not hold a LPGA card. Discussion that for official purposes, a Pro needs to apply to have amateur status reinstated. Discussed having Jon Griglak confirm documentation of reinstatement of Jan Robert's status. Discussed importance of following this protocol it could potentially open the door for others. The board agreed we should ensure the amateur status requirement for our members is in our standing rules

Tara inquired about the need to get the member survey set up. Tara agreed to lead the effort and Sue Kish volunteered to serve on the committee also. Decided to put a message in the Birdie Blast asking if other members would like to help with the membership survey.

Tara also indicated she has reached out to Kathy Langston regarding the need to ask individuals to serve on the nominating committee.

**Sponsorship Program:** Nancy Mastalski provided a handout on work that has been completed in our new Sponsorship Program efforts, named "Community Partners." She noted she was happy with the progress Kathy Langston and her have made in less than a month's time. She distributed a summary that showed 15 prospective Community Partners, and more than half have committed to sponsorship or are pending and close to it. There are three sponsorship levels, including one that she and Kathy are offering as a customized approach depending on what the business owner wants to see for their advertising dollars.

Nancy indicated the total dollars from businesses will be available and updated at the next Board meeting. She also noted that this effort is to provide local community businesses and owners the opportunity to advertise in front of our CLGA; and if they feel we are a valid avenue for advertising, then the dollars they provide (for signage and recognition) will go into the general fund. Sue Kish indicated that for right now she is putting Community Partners funds in the donations category and plans to make a specific line item for Community Partners money.

The discussion included that members will have input, including through the member survey, on where they would like to see additional funds from these efforts used (whether increasing payouts, subsidizing lunches, course maintenance or improvements for our CLGA, etc.). When the financial impact is more concrete, and we have a final total of funds received, this Board will review whether the Community Partners program is worthwhile to continue and has a positive impact on the CLGA league and future budgeting efforts.

**Golf Committee Report:** Cindy Edwards provided an update to the board on what was discussed at the last Cottonwood Palo Verde Golf Committee meeting. Cindy shared that the committee discussed concerns with golf carts using excessive speeds and that a possible solution was to install speed bumps. There was also discussion regarding establishing criteria

for size of golf tires and weight of cart limits as there is concern with damage to the course, cement and pipes. More to come on this topic. If anyone is not getting tee sheets, they are to talk with Jon Griglak to ensure that he has their correct email in the system. With the 5-year golf plan, Scott Anderson expressed that with course maintenance and equipment needs, there is concern that there are not enough cash reserves to effectively take care of the course. We are asked to encourage our golf members to go to the HOA meetings that address the need to increase the HOA reserves. Cindy shared that the presentations do a good job of explaining short falls and the need to catch up our reserves and the financial cost broken down of what it will potentially cost an individual homeowner if they agree to the change requested by our HOA management.

**Rules Chair:** Mo reiterated the focus with rules is on educating and helping our members with using resources. Mo indicated that on the CLGA website that there is a question/answer section under the Rules of Golf tab and that if a member desired, they could go through those posted for education on rules, although a better approach would be to use the USGA website or USGA Rules of Golf app if unclear of a rule. Mo also reminded us that the local rules are posted on our website should a member need to reference local rules. If Mo gets a frequently asked question from members, she will have that posted in the Birdie Blast.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Walsh, Secretary**